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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 19, 2007, at 2 p.m.

## House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2007

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCGOVERN).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 16, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JAMES P. MCGOVERN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord God, who always speaks the word of salvation, in a world ruled by money, floating only on the currents of economic reports, people search for life-sustaining principles. Without Your gravity, none can be found.

In a democratic republic where equal justice under the law is the goal and diverse opinions are to be represented, without the inner sense of Your unified fervor, everyone feels left alone.

In the drowning news of corruption, hatred, and violence, hardworking people and their children have lost their sure footing. Cynicism has replaced all forms of true faith.

You, Lord God, speak to those who aspire to lead the most powerful Nation on Earth: "The greatest among you must be the servant of all. For the

one who exalts oneself will be humbled, and the one who humbles oneself in the service of the rest will be exalted."

Until humility before You is established, we shall all languish.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, March 15, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II

of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on March 5, 2007, at 5:45 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 20.  
With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk of the House.*

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, March 16, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on March 16, 2007, at 10:45 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 494.  
That the Senate passed S. 655.  
That the Senate passed S. 377.  
That the Senate passed S. 676.  
With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk of the House.*

### SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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